FISCAL NOTE

HB 3248 - SB 3663

February 13, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds Major League Soccer or Major Indoor Soccer League to the list of professional sports leagues that qualify a municipality with a sports authority to receive an allocation equal to actual state sales tax revenue that would be collected on admissions, parking, concessions, any related services and team merchandise.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - If an agreement is reached between any municipality and a sports authority to construct a sports venue for a Major League Soccer team or a Major Indoor Soccer team, a forthcoming amount of state sales tax revenue, derived from sales occurring at the venue during games, would shift from the General Fund to the municipality where it would be earmarked to pay the debt incurred to construct the venue. This amount of foregone state revenue is estimated to exceed \$150,000 per year per team.

Assumption:

- According to the Department of Revenue, state sales tax generated from minor league baseball is approximately \$300,000 per year.
- Based on state sales tax collections derived from minor league baseball, state sales tax collections from a Major League Soccer team or a Major Indoor Soccer League team is reasonably estimated to exceed \$150,000 per year per team.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Jam W. White

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